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DEVOTIONAL AND EDITORIAL

HE WAS WITH THE WILD BEASTS

(*Mark* 1:13)

A. C. Gaebelein, D.D.

AFTER Jesus of Nazareth had been baptized by John and the Holy Spirit had come upon Him, and after the voice from heaven had declared, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," He was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. This was the divine order for the Son of Man, and thus it is still with every believing sinner. The gift of the Spirit is given to every one who believeth, and followed by the assurance of sonship, and the enemy is then likewise at hand for temptation. Satan does not need to tempt unsaved sinners, for they are his servants; only a believer who has escaped his dominion will be tempted by him. Temptations are, therefore, a mark of sonship. But the enemy is conquered. The Lord has completely overcome him. We have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God; let us hold fast to our profession. "For we have not a High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4: 15). "For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted" (Heb. 2: 18).

He went as the second Adam into the wilderness. The first Adam was in a beautiful garden surrounded by fruitbearing trees; the second Adam had no garden of Eden, but a wilderness. The first Adam had plenty to eat; while the second had to fast forty days and forty nights. What an awful picture the Son of Man must have presented after the days in the wilderness were past! Before the first Adam the animals of creation bowed in humble submission and he named them; the second Adam was in the wilderness with the wild beasts. The leopard and the wolf, the lion and the hyena surrounded Him, and at His feet there were the poisonous snakes, the hissing adder and the hideous scorpion. Adam's fall had changed all in that peaceful scene, and once driven from the hallowed regions of Eden, he faced no longer animals whose lord he was, bowing before him and doing homage to him; but he was face to face with wild beasts who snarled at him and sought his life.

And now the second Adam, the Lord from heaven, was with the wild beasts, and day and night He met the enemies of man, and, so to speak, the accusers of man; for forty days and nights He was in touch with them, but He came forth unharmed. He was the Man, and as second Adam the Lord of creation, and animal instinct felt that here had come the Deliverer for whom groaning creation waits, and therefore their enmity ceased. Perhaps the leopard and the wolf crouched at His feet and looked up into His loving face; and maybe in His presence these wild beasts even forgot

their strivings among themselves and walked peacefully together. And thus it is written of Him: "Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet" (Psalm 91: 13).

Before Him there was Daniel among the lions, trusting his God, and He delivered him. The wild beasts could not touch him. And Paul in Ephesus had fought with beasts (I Cor. 15: 32), and, trusting his Lord, he came forth without harm, and later the snake's poison did not harm him. But creation is still groaning, and the blood-thirsty tiger still looks for prey and the snake's poison destroys life. And for what does groaning creation wait? For the manifestation of the sons of God; for the return of the second Adam with His saints, with His spotless bride, His Eve, who is to share His rule and His dominion over the earth and the heavens. And then the groaning of creation will have an end. Then, indeed, "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox" (Isaiah 11: 6, 7).

SUFFERING WITH CHRIST

(Romans 8:17)

BELIEVERS frequently imagine that this suffering refers only to martyrdom, and hence they derive no comfort from its sweet attendant promise. But it is certain that all who suffer because they obey God, as the man Christ Jesus did, share His sufferings. Their suffering, like His, arises from the enmity of the human heart to God, and is therefore endured in fellowship with Him. We suffer with Christ when we suffer as the result of faith for His sake. We also suffer, however, as He suffered, not merely when we are subject to the contradiction of sinners, but in the ordinary sorrows of life, of which He so largely partook, who was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isa. 53: 3). Consequently, afflictions and trials of every kind must be included in suffering with Christ.

Would it not help us to bear our burdens with a stronger heart if we remembered this? "For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. . . . For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted. . . . Who in the days of his flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered" (Heb. 2: 10, 18; 5: 7, 8).

It is needless to say that the sinless Sufferer was absolutely perfect in nature and in practice from the womb to the grave; and yet, for the full accomplishment of

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The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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By Pastor J. C. Sisemore

OUR SCRIPTURE lesson will be the twelfth chapter of Revelation. We shall include the last verse of chapter eleven, since it really belongs to this chapter. In that verse we have a vision of the temple opened in heaven, and John is permitted to view the ark of the covenant and hear the voices and thunderings and to see the lightning flashes. Following that, come the earthquake and the hail. All this is highly symbolical and is of course tribulational.

The Woman, the Dragon, and the Man-Child. Verses 1-6

In the first six verses of chapter twelve we have set forth a woman, a dragon, and a man-child. We shall first concern ourselves with the identity of these three personages.

Who is the woman? There are many false views, of course. We must approach it in the light of the meaning of other Bible symbols. Some teach that it is a picture of Rome, with the woman representing the Virgin Mary. That is false, of course. Then Mrs. Mary Baker Patterson Glover Eddy modestly claimed that she was the one represented by the woman clothed with the sun and having the moon under her feet. As we have pointed out before, the delusion of Christian Science (falsely so called) is one of the silliest delusions the Devil has ever projected. It has not one single Scriptural foundation and, in fact, utterly denies every fundamental doctrine in God's Word.

Without burdening you further with false views, we come to the only Scriptural view. In the Old Testament, God used a woman to typify His people Israel. That is still His meaning here. Israel is fittingly typified here by the woman. The Devil also has a woman, the woman Jezebel, a wicked and adulterous woman who represents Rome with all her idolatrous associates. Was it not Israel that gave birth to the Man-Child? He was born as "a root out of a dry ground", or as one born out of season. Israel has never been fruitful while out of fellowship with God, and yet the Christ was born to Israel during such a time, and of a virgin woman. Israel was to be, and will yet be, God's glory in the earth. No wonder she is clothed with the sun. Israel brought forth the Son in God's own way and at the appointed time. Cf. Galatians 4:4.

The dragon is none other than the Devil himself. This is easily supported by other Scriptures. He is identified with the beast of Chapter 13:1. He is the power behind the beast. He is identified also with the beast image of Daniel. The ten horns and seven heads speak of the revived ten-kingdom Roman empire with its seven kings. The crowns were, more literally, diadems. In the fall of Satan we are to look backward as well as forward. He fell before this time, and at the time that Christ was born

he was there to swallow up the child, if possible. At that time he used the Roman ruler Herod, who sought to destroy Christ by slaying the children two years old and under. God thwarted his scheme and preserved the Christ child. Later, it was Satan who inspired the Roman governor Pilate to send Him to death on Calvary's Cross at the hands of Roman soldiers. God raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to the Throne of heaven.

The man-child has also been confused with other things and persons by some teachers. Some believe He represents the church, but this can hardly be true since it is nowhere taught that the church is to rule the world with a rod of iron. Some teach that this one is the strong, or overcoming, Christian in the professing church. That cannot be true, either. If you will refer to Psalm 2:7-9 you will find that it is Christ who is to rule this world with a rod of iron, and of course that will be after His second advent. Again, notice that the church did not give birth to Christ.

The woman is Israel, the dragon is Satan, and the man-child is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice in verse six that the dragon is to persecute the woman, and that points to Israel's great tribulation which we are studying about now. The woman, or Israel, is to flee into the wilderness and there be miraculously fed and provided for by the everlasting God for a period of three and one-half years. This is quite likely the same period spoken of in verse 14, and is, I believe, the last half of the seven-year period.

War in Heaven and Satan Cast Out. Verses 7-12

Beginning with the seventh verse, we have the record of a war in heaven. Michael, the arch-angel, fights against Satan and his angels, and Michael prevails. Satan is cast out into the earth and his angels are cast out with him. Comparing this with verse 4, it would seem that one-third of the angels fell with Satan. The stars probably represent the fallen angels. You will remember that Satan is the prince of the power of the air and the god of this age. His abode has been in the second heaven, but we are taught from the tenth verse and other portions of the Word that Satan has access to the presence of God as an accuser of the brethren. Notice the song of rejoicing in heaven now after Satan and his angels have been cast out into the earth. In Job the first and second chapters, we find Satan coming into the presence of God in company with the sons of God. He went as an accuser of Job then, and no doubt he still has that power and will have till this scene takes place in the midst of the final seven years of Satan's misrule in the earth.

Once, in a meeting in which I was doing the preaching, I was speaking in a morning service on Satan's personality, origin, work, and so on. A dear old retired minister had been attending regularly, but after that service he didn't come for several days. I met him a few days later on the street and asked why he had not been coming, and he said, "Since you have asked me, I will tell you. When you spoke on the Devil, you got so far from the truth I was afraid to come again for fear I'd have to cry out 'poison in the pot' and leave." Then he said, "The very idea of the Devil being able to see God! The Devil is in hell and can't get out." That poor old soul was as honest as he could be, but just didn't know his Bible. The Devil still accuses us before God and will till he is finally cast out into the earth.

The twelfth verse has a double message. The saints in heaven are to rejoice because Satan has been cast out, but the inhabiters of the earth are warned of coming sorrow and woe because the Devil is being cast into the earth. He knows he will have but a short time longer to do his dastardly work, and for that reason comes forth in all his awful wrath seeking to make short work of the earth dwellers. You will recall that Christ said, "If it were possible, he would deceive the very elect." But, thank God, it will not be possible. He knows now that his time is short and is working as never before, in the world and in the church. If the Devil can cause a division in a church, get some of the members criticizing one another or get them out with the pastor, he knows he is scoring a point, for souls will not be saved in great numbers under such conditions.

Israel and Satan in the Great Tribulation. Verses 13-17

As we have already seen, the woman is Israel; and now that Satan is cast into the earth, he begins his awful persecution of God's chosen people Israel. God bears them on eagle's wings into a place of safety, and there He feeds them in a miraculous manner for three and one-half years. The time, times and a half a time is the same period as the twelve-hundred and sixty days in chapter eleven. No doubt this refers to the last three and one-half years of the tribulation period and is that period spoken of by Daniel as "the time of Jacob's trouble." It is probably identical with the three and one-half years drought and famine under Elijah and Moses; and, just as God fed old Elijah by the ravens yonder beside the brook Cherith, so will He feed Israel during that awful time. It probably shows the way in which God goes with Israel through the great tribulation. Noah and his family in the ark are a type of this. They went through the flood, but God took care of them. Enoch was translated just before the flood and didn't go through either death or the flood, and is a fitting type of the church, which is to be translated just before this coming flood of wrath and judgment.

Is the flood of water which Satan casts out of his mouth a literal flood of water? I hardly think so. Then can it be a symbol of the nations as they make war against Israel as they are led and energized by the Devil? Possibly. There is another view that is worth considering. Since water is used as a symbol of the Word of God which proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord Jesus Christ, can it be that this flood is a symbol of the terrible false and heretical teachings which shall come forth from Satan during that time? It seems reasonable to me, at least. The finest weapon the Devil has today is false teaching. Even now, poor, old, unbelieving, sin-blinded Israel is falling into that silly, unscriptural, devilish thing known as Christian Science. If he cannot frighten them to death as a roaring lion, he will then come as an angel of light and deceive them. I believe that more heresies will be taught during that time than ever before.

In the last verse, we see Satan turning back to persecute the believing remnant which are left in Jerusalem, those who had not bowed to the will of the Devil nor any of his agents, but who had remained true to Christ. The following chapter will bring out more clearly what that awful persecution will be like.

And now, in conclusion, let us look at the eleventh verse, which I purposely passed over just now. "And they overcame him (Satan) by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." That is our only plea. Satan can go before God and accuse us of many things, and too often what he accuses the believer of is absolutely

true; but, thank God, our blessed Lord and Saviour is there to plead the merits of His own Blood, and that silences the accusations of the Devil forever. No use to plead anything else. He only laughs when we plead our own goodness, morality, honesty, church membership, baptism, or anything else except the Blood of the Lamb. We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God, and must have a sufficient refuge. The Blood alone can atone for our past sins. Unbeliever, in Jesus' name, quit resting on an unsafe refuge, no matter what it may be, and get under the Blood of the Lamb of God tonight by faith.

One of the saddest experiences I ever had, came last week. Someone called me and asked me to go to the hospital to see a poor woman who had attempted to take her life. I went and found her in a critical condition. I asked her if she were a Christian. She hesitated and said, "O yes, I suppose so." I asked where she attended church, and she said, "I go to the Unity class." I tried to show her that the Unity class couldn't save her. It is a cross between Christian Science, tomfoolery, and modernism. I told her that only the Blood of Christ could wash away her sins, but she seemed satisfied with what she had. Since that time, she has gone out to meet God. I hope she was ready, but Unity never made her ready. Dear sinner friend, leave some better evidence than that when you leave this world. "The Blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

"What can wash away my sins?
Nothing but the Blood of Jesus,
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the Blood of Jesus."

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WE FIND it necessary to have the July and August numbers issued together. We do this that we may conserve our funds and make it possible to send more to the field, where such dire need exists at the present time. We have an abundance of Missionary News for this issue. We ask our readers to prayerfully read the articles from our different workers and then to voice definite believing prayer in their behalf.

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WORLD CONDITIONS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY

By

REV. GEORGE W. HUNTER

Mr. Hunter, our Field Worker, is visiting the field at the present time. Funds for this purpose were specially provided. We trust this trip will prove to be of real inspirational value for our brother's deputational ministry at home. Pray for him as he visits from place to place.

We, as an organization, have missionary activities in fourteen European countries in Eastern, Southeastern, Central, and Southern Europe, principally among the Slavs that were once the peoples of the Holy Russian Empire. This is the twelfth weekly broadcast that I have given over this radio station. I have been seeking to give, in this limited half-hour broadcast, such concrete evidence of the trend of events that almost daily are fulfilling prophetic utterances of the Word of God. Not an entire fulfillment, but step by step events are taking place that are leading up to the final crux of things according to the Word of the Living God. Friends, only those whose eyes have been anointed with the "eye-salve" from heaven can discern the signs of the times.

Jesus was seeking to instruct His disciples concerning the days that should follow His "going away from them." In John's Gospel He had said to them, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." They were all Jews. They had been looking for a deliverer (Messiah). When Jesus came, He did not come as the ecclesiastical heads of the nation were expecting. And while they should have known that the teaching of the Scriptures gave a complex picture of the return, and subsequent deliverance of Israel (the Jews) as a nation, from 600 or more years of serious difficulty, they might have given themselves to the study of the prophets, speaking from the mouth of Jehovah; but by delivering Jesus to the enemies of Jehovah (the Gentiles), they gave into the enemies' hands the weapon that made the Jews the prey of the satanic-controlled nations in which they lived.

Now Jesus is with them just before He is to be crucified. He is giving what is spoken of as the "Olivet Discourse" to His disciples. Matthew's Gospel records this in the 24th chapter. They had tried to "show Him the buildings of the temple." It was the restored temple, and in His reference to the coming destruction they asked Him, "When shall these things be? What shall be the sign of Thy coming and the consummation of the age?" Jesus said, in effect, (for they saw the beautiful buildings of the present temple that took 46 years to build), "Don't get your eyes on this building, for

there will come a time when there will not be one stone upon another; for all of this will be torn down, and you will not be able to understand why." Jesus was trying to tell them of the way Satan (through men) would try to deceive them. "There shall be wars . . . there shall be rumors of wars . . . nation shall rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom . . . there shall be famines . . . and earthquakes . . . they shall deliver you (Jews) up to be killed . . . ye (Jews) will be hated of all the nations . . . many shall stumble and deliver up one another . . . many false prophets shall arise and shall lead many astray." All this and much more to His disciples concerning Israel as a nation, before the consummation of the age. Not the destruction of Jerusalem at Titus' time, but before the visible appearance of Jesus to the earth with power and great glory. Remember that Jesus never gave signs to his church—the present Gentile age is just mentioned as "the times of the Gentiles"—the signs were given to the Israelites.

There is to be a literal return of the Messiah to earth. The two men in white apparel that stood on the Mount of Olives "over against Bethany" said, "Why do ye stand gazing into heaven? This same Jesus, that ye have seen going into heaven, shall so come (just) as you have seen him go into heaven." Zechariah had said, (chapter 14: 3 and 4) "Then shall Jehovah go forth . . . and His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives." Can you wonder, in the light of the teachings of the Scriptures, that they could not understand, and cannot understand now, how Jesus, the Crucified One, can have any place in the deliverance of the Jews? The nations of the world (especially those who profess to be followers of Jesus) have made the Jews suffer, and all that Jesus said to them, as recorded in the 24th of Matthew, has literally taken place; and in most instances their sufferings have been the worst where Jesus the Christ has (professedly) been recognized as the head of the nation or nations. Rome and the Greeks, professedly, were believers in Jesus the Christ; but there has never been a more hideous persecution of Jew or Gentile than that by Rome and the Greeks.

Now I want to ask you to follow me in the succeeding moments as I shall give some of the evidences of this gradual disintegration of the nations that have made Israel (the Jews) to suffer. Let me take you to Spain first. History tells us that on the 3rd of August, 1492, 300,000 Jews were driven out of Spain, the land of their birth, because they refused to have forced upon them what Spain (under the rule of the Vatican at Rome) called Christianity. Ferdinand and Isabella, with the same pen with which they signed the decree that authorized Christobol Colon to go forth in search of another world, signed the degree driving out these 300,000 Jews. Where? They did not care—get out—anywhere but here. Many of them took advantage of this opportunity (to them, of doubtful nature) to escape the further persecution of this Rome-controlled nation. The story of their success in the Columbus Expedition is another page of history, telling of their imprint on the new world that our Romish friends wish us to believe Columbus was entirely responsible for securing for the world. It was a Jew that first sighted the new world! It was a Jew that is reported to have landed first! There is much more that could be said of this particular expedition, but I will give one instance reported. It is said that a Rabbi addressing King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, in 1492, said, "You may try to curse us, but you cannot, for there is a blessing on us; and when you would bless us, you cannot, for there is a curse upon us." Spain has been Rome-ruled, and because of this rule they have been, and are, telling the world of their vicegerency to settle all religious difficulties, to rule, to dominate, and to bring, in any way possible, every person in the world to the subjection of Rome, who falsely claims that she was given authority by Jesus Christ to have the place of power and authority as His representative on earth. Spain, during the Inquisition, from 1483 till 1492, exiled Jews, and finally, as mentioned, the 300,000 were driven out.

What has that to do with the present condition of Spain? Well, God says, "I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee." Spain has been a long time getting to the turn of the road, but there is always a turn in every road, if you travel far enough on it. A few years ago we had some unpleasant experiences with Spain over Cuba because of the suffering they brought upon the Cubans. American blood boiled at the atrocious deeds of Weyler. Spain lost. They have been

having internal difficulty most of the time since. "The mills of God grind slowly," but they keep at it, and the Eternal God's decree concerning the people that we know as the Jews was (and has never changed), "He that toucheth Israel toucheth the apple of His eye." Therefore, I submit to you, beloved hearer, that the recent abdication of Alfonso (I have no knowledge at present of his worthiness, or otherwise, to be King of Spain) but his nation (I believe under the direction of the authorities in Rome) did what other nations have done—persecuted God's children of Israel. The indications are, to those who are students of the Word of God, in the light of His prophetic utterances of the things that would transpire at the consummation of the age, that the rapid disintegration of kingdoms and empires will go on till the final scene in the drama of the ages, the manifestation of the anti-Christ. The Roman empire must, of necessity, according to the teachings of the Book of Books, be restored. Who the present authorities are, in the great final wind up of man's day, now located in Rome, perhaps only a few more weeks or months will reveal; but God Almighty is trying to speak, not to the world, for their eyes are blinded; not to the great mass of professed Christians, for they, too, are blind; not to the Jews, for they are blind also; but to those whose eyes are anointed, as I mentioned in the first portion of this broadcast, "with the eye-salve of heaven." *They* are seeing things, according to the prophetic utterances of the Book.

When, a few years ago, Japan had some little misunderstanding with Russia, they went to war. Japan, then perhaps one of the smaller nations, if not the smallest of the nations that made any claim to prestige and power, whipped Russia to a standstill. Some of us said at the time, "Russia will just take Japan in its paws (the bear of Russia) and give little Japan one good hug, drop Japan and she will never move again." But not so. Japan did the whipping, and Russia began her downfall. Do you see any significance in this as it relates to the Jews? Well, I do. Russia has systematically persecuted the Jews for hundreds of years. These Jews have been crying to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob for deliverance. Their prayer has doubtless been registered in heaven, and the deliverance that will finally culminate in their restoration to the land of Palestine will be consummated. Scattered, peeled, hated, despised Israel has this advantage over the Gentiles in the world—they have covenant relations with the God of the Bible. Jesus their Messiah came to His own (nation) and they that were His own (nation) received Him not; but as many of His own (nation) as did receive Him, to them gave He power (or authority) to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name.

The silence of God would seem to indicate that He has forgotten or ignored this people we know as the Jews. But do not for one minute think that God has forgotten! Man may do much as he chooses today; but remember, even though the atheistic Jews of Russia think and say they propose to climb into heaven and drag the Eternal God from His throne, the Psalmist is made to say (Psalm 2), "Why do the nations rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His Anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." I know the present Jew is not responsible for the utterance of the Psalmist, but the Eternal God that sees the end from the beginning saw the Messiah that came approximately one thousand years after David's time, and knew that not only would the Jew fail to receive, but knew that because of the way the Jew would act, the nations would reject and would even go further—would assume to do what the atheistic Jew (Zinoveive) proposes to do—"Drag God from His throne." The Eternal God, seeing this over three thousand years ago, caused the Psalmist to say, "Why do the nations rage, and the people (the Jews) imagine a vain thing?" The kings of the earth think they can accomplish the dragging down process of God Almighty from His throne. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord will have them in derision. Then will he speak unto them in his wrath (Note, the Book says 'in wrath') and vex them in his sore displeasure."

I want you to realize, dear people, that the Lord is long-suffering, not looking for revenge or not taking vengeance until His time limit is up. But there is a day of vengeance ahead. The wrath of God *will be* poured out. The ones who insist on rejecting the overtures of God's mercy will, of necessity, have to take the consequent result

of the wrath of God. Strange, that people will see the point of sharing the suffering that follows the insistence of remaining in a place of danger when warnings are given, but they will rail at the God of the Bible because His Word says that there is a day of reckoning coming. Flee from the wrath coming upon the whole world. The Eternal God says, "I have made a way of escape." Take that way. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." He also said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by (or through) me." But people like this Zinoveive persist in saying, "I do not believe this." Well, the God of the Bible is still long-suffering, "not willing that any should perish." The kings and the emperors and the dictators will all be swept out of the picture, and the transgressors against the loving appeals of the God of the Bible will finally cease, and then the day of His wrath shall have come. And who can withstand this day?

The Russian government, under the Tsars, was apparently secure in its power and might. *They* heed the demands of the God of the Bible? I should say not! ! ! It is very doubtful if they even thought of it. But the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, had not forgotten. The Jews in Russia may have *thought* He had forgotten—but not so. The moves, sometimes, of the God of the Bible, are not discernible, but, like the one in Spain, are sure, like the beginning of the downfall of the Russian Empire. It was gradual and, like all large bodies, it seemed to be slow. But it was moving, nevertheless, and the present historical evidence is that there is a rapid heading up of the many events that seemed to be just incidents, merely, in the historical events of nations and the world.

Again, "it is a long road that has no turn." Therefore, man has picked the Bible apart, put such passages or sections as he deemed unnecessary, or out of date, into some convenient pigeon hole and stated, "We don't believe that in these days of modern thinking. We therefore relegate it to the scrap heap (or oblivion) and go on our way rejoicing." The fact that they have gotten by with this for so long, makes them believe it themselves that they are running things, and now, in some sections, they seem to believe that they have no time or use for the Creator, but are to relegate Him also to the same place. But wait a minute! Hasn't the God of the Bible, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, anything to say? Yes, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh." God laugh? Yes, God shall laugh at their discomfiture when that time arrives. But not till He had given warning through Noah did He destroy the world of sinning man at the flood time, and He is just as longsuffering today. Perchance they will repent of their miserable unbelief.

Even though the God of the Bible knows the way mankind will act, and tells us in His Book: "In the last days grievous times shall come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, boasters, haughty, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection," and "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils", yet, men will persist in going on into all of these things, not even knowing (and apparently not caring) what God says. For have they not consigned Him to the scrap heap? But the world of men are doing just what the Bible said they would do, in the very way that the Bible said they would, and giving just the same attention to what God said as the Bible said they would.

Nations will rise against nations—this has *not* taken place yet, generally speaking. But it will come, just as sure as the war that we had been told would *never* come, *did come*. We are now hearing of arbitration, and league of nations, and world courts, and the thousand and one remedies to keep up our morale; but the nations are all preparing for war. Thrones are crumbling. Within the past few years, Wilhelm of Germany, Charles of Austria, George of Greece, Manuel of Portugal, Nicholas of Russia, Mohammed of Turkey, Puyi of China, and now Alfonso of Spain, have been obliged to abdicate, and republican forms of government of one sort or another have been formed to take their place. Watch the others in their turn. I do not say that all of them will finally be relieved of their kingly authority, but you can rest assured of this fact, that if they have had any part of violent persecution of the Israelites as God's people, they will be dealt with drastically. I do not know yet when or how the Roumanian government of King Carol will be deposed, but there is a day of reckoning coming to them, for they have persecuted the Jews, and God *the Almighty* will meet their actions, ignorantly or otherwise. They may be that, but watch the clock of prophecy. It is working *slowly perhaps* from our

rapid viewpoint—for we are living the pace that kills—but God the Almighty moves with precision and you can rest assured that the nations that are existing under rulers that have persecuted the Jew, will face the ultimate punishment for their acts.

GOD'S BLESSING UPON LUNINIEC, POLAND

(Report of Brother K. Jaroszuk)

The need of a Prayer Hall in our second center of Lachwa is growing constantly, and although our people are almost to poor to build one, yet we try to do our best. Lately, I am glad to say, we bought a small lot in this town of Lachwa, planning to build a hall sometime in the future. It cost us 300 zlothych (about $35 in U. S. money). We have already paid half of this sum. We pray the Lord that He will help us to build this hall soon, as the need of it here is very great. Souls are constantly being saved and added to the church. The private homes cannot contain the members alone, while there are so many other spiritually hungry souls who wish to come and hear the Gospel news. So, when we hold a meeting in a private home, we usually see many people standing around the house, trying to hear the singing and preaching through the windows. The spiritual hunger is great everywhere. The fields are surely white and ready to harvest.

I also wish to share another joy of ours with all our friends—the great blessing that the Lord has bestowed upon us here recently. We had many souls who had definitely and fully given themselves to the Lord and were waiting for an opportunity to be baptized and join the church. We usually do it in summer, when the rivers are open and the water is warm, for we have no baptisteries in our church buildings.

We examined the candidates and found that 52 souls were ready for baptism. There were many more who were left for another time. When the time for the baptismal service came, permission for it was obtained from the local government. Everything was ready and we all started for the river, which is on the other side of the town. A great procession moved along the streets of this large town, singing the Gospel hymns as they marched along. The whole town was stirred up. Other people joined the procession and followed us to the river. Even enemies of the Gospel, such as the Greek Catholic clergy, came out of their houses to look at us. The police watched all this and kept order.

At the river, we usually take time to read from the Word of God, give testimony, and explain everything before we baptize. It is a wonderful opportunity to testify to so many people in the open. After hearing this, the people usually have much discussion among themselves about all they have seen and heard, and they come to the conclusion that this is as it should be according to the teaching of Christ in the New Testament.

There were some evil-minded people present at this service, who tried to disturb us, but the police kept their eyes on them. Thus the Lord was with us and blessed us wonderfully, and the enemy was put to shame. Fifty souls (two were kept away by sickness) were buried to sin and raised to newness of life through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

After the baptismal service, we returned to the house and observed the Lord's Supper, read from the Word of God, and prayed much together, asking God to fill every one of us with His Holy Spirit that we might be His faithful witnesses unto death. At the conclusion of this service, we all went to our homes rejoicing, like the eunuch of old in Acts 8:39. Please pray for us that we may all grow in grace.

Sincerely yours in His glad service,

K. Jaroszuk.

"*Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?*"—*Jas. 2: 5.*

It is great to be rich in faith. Faith gives every cloud a silver lining. Faith enables us to hear songs in the night. Faith so cheers us that we rejoice in the midst of tribulation. Faith gives a clear, undimmed vision of Jesus Christ. Faith packs the Bible with the power of God. Faith enables us to walk in fellowship with patriarchs and prophets. Faith grows clearer and brighter until the perfect day, when faith becomes sight indeed.

J. Wilbur Chapman.

RUSSIAN CONGREGATION IN HARBIN, CHINA
(Mr. Badantseff seated in center)

RUSSIAN BELIEVERS IN CHINA

Harbin, China, May 20, 1931.

DEAR BROTHER IN THE LORD:

Peace be unto you! I want to answer your letter at once to let you know that I have received the check, for which I heartily thank you. I don't know how to thank my Lord enough for His unspeakable love to me, His humble servant.

I desire to share with you our joys and our sorrows. We are expecting to baptize some new converts, after which they will become members of our church. We also expect to have a wedding in our church, of a brother and sister in the Lord. We are sorry, however, that our hall is too small for our congregation. We have no means to hire a larger house. Prices here are high, and our congregation is poor, including many unemployed. We are looking to the Lord. If we did not have a Heavenly Father, our conditions would seem unendurable; but the Lord is constantly with us and we realize His blessings.

The hearts of the people are hard, for living is very difficult and they are under the pressure of many needs. It is a time of great grief for poor Russia! Some people turn to the Lord because of their trouble, but others lose faith. Pray with us that we may be kept from evil and continue to trust in our God! The Lord keep and bless you! We send you brotherly greetings.

Your humble brother in the Lord,
S. BADANTSEFF.

A WORD FROM MISS MOTT

Warsaw, Poland, May 25, 1931.

DEAR MR. HOGG:

Praise God that, in spite of obstacles, the work has continued and grown this winter. Many more classes and meetings have been held. Mr. Sofer helps me faithfully with the children's work here in Warsaw, and we hold two classes in his home in Falenica. The attendance there is increasing. I wish the people who are supporting Mr. Sofer might know what an earnest, faithful worker he is.

I praise God for a very definite refreshing in spirit and body early this month. Some one must have been praying definitely.

Very sincerely yours,
GRACE EDNA MOTT.

INCREASING INTEREST AMONG JEWS

Falenica, Poland, April, 1931.

DEAR SISTER:

I began to write to you some time ago, but it happened that I could not finish it because I received an invitation from our Brother Gitlin to come to Polesia (a Russian province in Poland) and help him in his evangelistic work among Jews and Russians.

Now, after three weeks' service for the Lord together with our Brother Gitlin, I have returned home. The Lord granted us many blessings during the journey. The Gospel was preached to many thousands of Russians and hundreds of Jews. We distributed many copies of the Scriptures and much Gospel literature among the Jews of Polesia. We were also accompanied by two Russian brethren on our journey, one being the leader of a Russian Evangelical congregation, and the other, a former student of the Radost Bible Courses. I have no doubt that the fruit of our labors will be gathered by the Lord in due time.

MR. AND MRS. ISAAC SOFER

Dear sister, I ask you to please forgive me for writing you so seldom. If we both had one mother tongue, I could write you more often, but it is very difficult for me to write in English. I hope in the future, with God's help, to write to you more frequently.

We thank the Lord heartily for the gift which came to us, because it comes at a hard and difficult time when your country is also affected. Praise be to our Heavenly Father for His riches that He giveth us always in Christ Jesus, even though we must suffer materially. See II Cor. 8:2. We have seen some days of great testing, but I can truly say, in the Lord, that the peace of God granted to Mrs. Sofer and me in the time of lack of material things was of more value than the material things themselves. There came the thought to us that if the Bible is true, then we are secure and God will surely prove Himself faithful. Praise His holy name! Hitherto God hath been with us. His faithfulness and mercies are the experiences of our daily life and service. I know that He is just as His Word says of Him. Exodus 34:6,7; Joshua 1:5.

I am still serving the Lord and resisting the evil one. Recently I felt myself oppressed of the enemy in a special way. The Lord gave me His word in II Cor. 10:5, and that saved the situation. I had a wonderful victory over self and Satan.

What a wonderful soldier of Christ the Apostle Paul was! How he knew the use of the power of his Lord, who had triumphed over all the kingdom of darkness! How weak I feel sometimes in the fight and in prayer! What a great need there is just now for men like the Apostle Paul! Do I want to burn in my spirit as Paul did for His Lord? Yes, I do. We all do, I am sure. Phil. 2:10.

I feel greatly impressed with the thought of our blessed Lord as shown in the "burnt offering" (Lev. 1), which I read in the notes of C. H. M. How our Lord delighted to be a burnt offering, to be consumed for His Father! To be burnt away for God means the saving of souls. Christ knew what it meant to offer Himself as a burnt offering.

It glorified the Father. It meant the destruction of Satan and his wicked kingdom. O Lord, what a desire Thou puttest into my heart to be faithful to Thee as Thou hast been to Thy Father and my Father! Is it at all possible to use such a weak vessel as I am? For thirty years Satan had me for his own. He was the ruler over my soul and body. I know, Lord, that Thou art a righteous and merciful God. I want to be faithful to Thee! I want to be a burnt offering! Thy power is sufficient to make of Thine own what Thou desirest them to be. My prayer is, "Help Thou me to be faithful!"

My colportage and evangelistic work is going on, to the praise of God. I am still knocking from door to door with my message of salvation. I am satisfied that my Lord can use me in such a greatly needed work. I am also helping out in the Jewish children's work which Miss Mott is doing in our Mission place.

Please pray for our evangelistic meetings at "Ogrodowa 53," Warsaw, every Saturday afternoon at 4 P. M. (about 10 A. M., American time). About 70 Jews attend these meetings. There is now a very inquiring spirit among the Jewish young people. I have felt recently, in a special way, God's power in these meetings. Every Sunday at 11:30 A. M. a small group of Jewish believers and earnest inquirers meet for worship and for the Lord's Supper. Only baptized believers take part in the Communion. We believe that in the near future, if the Lord tarry, He will increase the number of believers from among our Jewish inquirers. There never was such an opportunity as now to work among our Jewish people. They seem ready now to listen to the Gospel.

May God's richest blessing be on your work and upon every place where His saints are building His Kingdom with a pure heart! May God send a revival in His Church that the lost sheep might be gathered in soon and His coming draw nigh! We will pray and work, God helping us, until He come. Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Mrs. Sofer joins me in hearty greetings to all of you. Please pray much for us both!

Yours in His glad service,

ISAAC W. SOFER.

AN AGED JEW RECEIVES CHRIST

Radosc, Poland, June 12, 1931.

DEAR PASTOR HOGG:

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

For a long time I have been wanting to answer your letter, but was unable to do so because I could not find anyone to translate the letter for me. I am thankful to my Lord and also to all of you for your remembrance of me and my family. May God richly bless you and reward you for all you are doing for me and for His people Israel in this country!

I want to share with you a joy I experienced this past month. One day I entered a Jewish home, where I had the privilege of speaking with an aged Jew. I told him about the great love of God to men and about the plan of salvation. The old man looked wonderingly at me as he heard me speak about the things that only the rabbis discussed, and I was but a simple man. I talked with him a long time, and finally told him that every one of us would have to give an account of the things he had done in his body here on the earth, whether good or bad. (II Cor. 5:10) I could see then that his heart was touched as he looked back over his own life. How I praised the Lord for working in the heart of that man!

I gave him a tract entitled "Who Is This?" based on Isaiah 52 and 53. He read it, and when he had finished told me that it was not true. Then I told him to take the Bible and compare it. After doing that, he said, "I have read these chapters many times and never saw it before." He was very thankful to me, saying, "I am seventy years old, but in all my life I never met a man like you who would come to me and tell me about the love of God." I read to him several more passages from the Bible, after which he said, "I believe that Jesus is my Saviour also." He took my hand and thanked me again for my visit and for speaking to him.

We feel that the coming of the Lord is very near because the Jews are ready to hear the Gospel more than ever before. Please pray that the Lord will use us mightily in carrying the testimony to His people Israel.

NAHUM SHUMAN.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S OUTING IN POLAND

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES IN POLAND

Lodz, Poland, June 24, 1931.

DEAR FRIENDS:

I know some of you are looking forward to a monthly letter, and I am sorry that I could not settle down to it at an earlier date. This letter will have to cover the last two months. This introduction is for the friends who are writing and asking us why we did not send them the monthly letter. The work to be done is a vast one and the laborers are few.

Bible Conference

The first week in June we attended the Conference of the Union of German Evangelical Christians in Poland. Together with many of the brethren from foreign countries, we found opportunity to preach the Word on different occasions. We also took part in the sessions of the delegates, seeking to he'p them solve some of their multitude of problems. We have always enjoyed the fellowship at this Annual Conference, but probably never so much as we did this year. Many of the brethren are humble, and united in the feeling that we need a great revival in Poland. The number of those who are praying toward this end is increasing. On the last day of the Conference, we were asked to preach a message for the baptismal service on the banks of the Wistula, where a large crowd had gathered.

Work of the Young People

In the neighborhood of Lodz, I was asked to accompany the Young People's Society on their annual outing. It was a great privilege to be with a happy and serious crowd of young folks who used every opportunity to witness for Christ. There was no danger that one might feel a prick in the conscience after such an outing. The sick were visited, Gospel literature given out, and in the afternoon unbelievers were invited to a Gospel service. We had our guitars along with us, and the whole crowd sang song after song. One could not help feeling that Christians are a happy people, yea, the happiest people in the world. By the time evening had come and our departure was at hand, we had become good friends with our unbelieving visitors, and the Gospel was presented in song, testimony, and literature. We are greatly encouraged to see that some of our young people have a great zeal for spreading the Gospel. On the way home from the Conference, they sang song after song, attracting the attention of Jews and Gentiles, who gladly listened to the songs as the train sped along at 60 miles an hour. Needless to say, we followed the message in song with Gospel tracts and a cheerful word.

A Zealous Soul-Winner

Some years ago, I prayed God that, even though I might be only a weak instrument, He would give me souls who might become mighty vessels for His glory. About three years ago, I was able to lead a woman to Christ who has become a mighty power for God. She eats only every second day, and rises

every morning before five to pray. She has led many souls to Christ, and I know of one equally zealous man who was converted through her praying in a public service. She has been distributing more Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels than all the rest of the membership combined. She has been found kneeling in a factory behind heaps of rubbish, with laborers, leading them to Christ. She goes from door to door in her spare time, pleading with men and women to be reconciled with God. To the complacent type of Christian she is too fanatical, and she has endured quite a little opposition on the part of saved folks. Remember her in prayer. May God give us scores of her kind!

Prayer Requests

As we come in touch with ever so many Christians, in many meetings and also in many countries (through correspondence), we are humbled again and again. There are so many problems and difficulties, and many of them are sick in their Christian life and so many sick unto death in their bodies. Dozens of them beg us, with tears in their eyes, to pray for them. We have prayed with sick brethren and sisters who seem to be living their last days on earth, and yet they still believe that GOD IS ABLE, if this be His will. We often feel our insufficiency and unworthiness even to pray in their behalf. We do need His ever-present wisdom and omnipotence, and your intercession is greatly appreciated.

Revival Services

During the last two weeks, we were permitted to undertake a missionary journey about eighty miles distant from Lodz. Although it is summer and the farmers are busily occupied in the fields, making hay and picking strawberries, we were able to hold two meetings every day—a Bible hour in the afternoon and an evangelistic meeting in the evening. The meetings were packed to the last bit of available room, sitting and standing. These folk rise in the morning at three, four, or five o'clock, and at nine in the evening the meetings started. The heat was intense, and I was bathed with perspiration after preaching. When the invitation was given, a number of souls stayed for an after meeting to be dealt with personally. Some came to me on the streets to tell me that they desired prayer in their behalf. Later on, they came to the after meetings, wanting to be saved. These were very blessed and fruitful days for believers and unbelievers alike. I held about forty meetings in the course of the last two months. The rest of the time I was busily occupied at home, preparing manuscript for tracts and magazine.

Printing of Tracts

Through the courtesy of the Trinitarian Bible Society, London, a grant of Scriptures was made to me amounting to about 250 pounds. Testaments and Gospels in Russian, Polish, and Yiddish are greatly appreciated, and I held orders for some time. The Yiddish Scripture portions are already gone with the exception of a few copies. There is an ever-increasing demand for Jewish literature. An older, experienced missionary to the Jews is preparing some manuscripts for Yiddish tracts, and we trust that by next month we shall be able to report that at least 10,000 copies will have been printed. An edition of Russian, Polish, and Yiddish tracts is now being prepared, and we are very thankful to God for the present provision for the printing. Mr. Hogg, the Vice-President of the American-European Fellowship, has forwarded some funds that were sent in for this purpose. Last month we could publish only two tracts, with a very limited number of copies. Two friends in America had sent in the means and the tracts for translation and printing.

Soldiers Asking for Tracts

Interesting letters and cards come to us frequently, telling of great blessing received through the tract ministry. Last week an enthusiastic Russian brother wrote from near the Russian border. He wrote to me some time ago, asking for literature, and I sent him about 500 tracts. Later, he wrote that he had distributed them among the soldiers. Being himself a soldier, he was reprimanded for it, as all propaganda is strictly forbidden. Last week he wrote again, telling us that many of the soldiers were asking for other Gospel leaflets. He wanted me to send them to the home of a brother in a certain city, where they would meet and get all the literature described. I sent him a package of 20 pounds in weight, to the address of a local meeting.

Our Opportunity

The Gospel tract is still being read with great reverence. The waste paper baskets in Poland are not as yet filled with printed matter, as they so often are in America. I have never yet seen a tract thrown away. In most cases they are accepted most reverently, and in a number of cases the recipient tips his hat and kisses the hand of the distributor. Thousands of men and women are just waiting for this kind of message. If there is anything apart from prayer that will pave the way for revival in Poland, the printed page will do it. It is our strongest, most effective, and cheapest weapon. Would to God that we could reach the 30,000,000 or more in this great land of ours with the messages of salvation! For many years to come, men will fail to evangelize; but the printed page, distributed by simple men and women and even children, will find its way into schools, homes, and workshops and tell the message of redeeming love. There is nothing like the constant, persistent spreading of the news in every corner and hamlet of Poland.

Yours for nation-wide Gospel and tract distribution,

FRED AND MARTHA STETTLER.

A TROPHY FOR OUR LORD

Ugine, France, June 10, 1931.

DEAR BROTHER HOGG:

The Lord has been blessing us richly this past month. As a result of our labor here, seven intelligent Russians have given themselves definitely to our Lord Jesus Christ and confess Him before others. There are others who are interested and who are beginning to love our Lord.

Some time ago I received a telegram from the city of Annecy, where we hold meetings, asking me to come to talk with a sincere soul who wished to know the truth. When I arrived there, I found an intelligent and well-educated young Russian, who had been an officer in the Russian army and also a good artist, a painter of holy (?) icons for the Russian Orthodox Church. During the Russian Revolution, he was fighting against the bolsheviks. He was severely wounded and, being unconscious, was thought to be dead and was sent back to the rear in a coffin for burial. While on the train in the midst of other dead bodies, he came to himself and was miraculously saved from death. He was sent to the hospital and, after seemingly hopeless operations, was healed.

Before all this came into his life, he had been an atheist, but he was at this time a sincere seeker after the truth. We spent a long time in conversation, and he was satisfied that Jesus Christ is the personal Saviour of all who come to Him. He himself accepted Him as his own Saviour and Lord. We prayed together and rejoiced much. He took me to the station and thanked me for the visit, promising to come to our home and to attend the meetings. May God bless him and use him for His glory! Please pray for us and for the work we are doing among Russians, who are living in such a critical time in their nation's history.

Sincerely yours for our Master,

JOHN KOVALCHUK.

GOSPEL SONGS IN HUNGARIAN

Hungary, May 28, 1931.

DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS:

I am sending a copy of the booklet containing thirty-eight of our sweet American Gospel songs translated into the Hungarian language. These have just come from the printer and have been paid for through your generosity, dear friends, for which may the Lord shower His blessings upon you all. These booklets will be in use at every meeting—the children's, young men's meeting, and that for the older folks. Let me once more thank you for the $10.00 sent for this purpose. Some of the Gospel songs contained in this booklet are the following: Rock of Ages, My Faith Looks Up to Thee, I Have a Saviour, Abide With Me, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus, What a Friend We Have in Jesus, Just as I Am, Blessed Assurance, Rescue the Perishing, Faith is the Victory, He Leadeth Me, etc.

I have just finished writing up my subject upon a Christian topic which I regard as a special call in my life plan as ordered by the Lord. As my time from other missionary duties permitted, I have been working on this ever since my arrival here as your missionary in Hungary. I must have this printed as soon as the Lord provides the means.

My work is showing blessed results. At our last meeting, forty-seven of the fifty children pledged themselves to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and to follow in His steps throughout their lives. Three of them said they did not feel they could be good enough for that, but I told them that neither I nor any one else could be good except in the strength of Christ and by the grace of God. I had given the others time to reflect, so I gave these three one week more to consider this all-important decision.

With best wishes and Christian greetings,

EUGENE NAGY.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR GOSPEL HALL

Poland, June 4, 1931.

DEAR FRIENDS:

We recently had a meeting in a village where the people heard the Word for the first time. They asked us to visit them often, although there are no believers. The enemy is at work there through the Russellites and their literature. The people are thirsting for clean, living Water and they do not see Satan's cunning.

A few months ago I wrote to you about building a hall for our meetings. The work began two years ago, but different demands of Polish law stopped the work. Now, after long efforts (we were in "Starostwo" about 30 times and in "Wojewodstwo" 9 times) we have received permission to continue the work. However, the authorities demand that we employ a responsible man with high technical education (engineer or architect), and such a man will cost us about the same as any of our other workers. We can not proceed without a sufficient sum of cash. Our eyes are turned to the Lord, who knows our need for His own work. "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of Hosts." We are praying to God, "from whom all blessings flow", that He may lay it upon the hearts of His children to take a blessed part in this work. Of course, the world's economical crisis has destroyed in some hearts a living faith in the living God, for many of God's children here are suffering great need materially, but "The voice of rejoicing and

JOHN GORDIUK AND FAMILY

salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly." "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Psa. 118:15, 8. "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Now I ask you, dear friends, to help us in this work by your prayers. He who began this work, will also finish it. Trusting in His help, we hope to finish the building this present year. Again we ask you to pray earnestly with us for this need.

Last week we had examination of candidates who wanted to be baptized and join the church. Out of a total of ten, one was accepted and four were received conditionally (after asking some of the believers their opinion of them). Perhaps in America they all would be received, but here we want to be very careful.

May God bless all your work for His own glory!

Yours in His blessed ministry,

JOHN GORDIUK.

"When nothing whereon to lean remains,
When strongholds crumble to dust;
When nothing is sure but that God still reigns,
That is just the time to trust."

A New Endeavor in Bulgaria

We rejoice that God has made it possible to initiate a new worker among the Pomaks. There are about 125,000 of these people in Bulgaria. They are Mohammedan in religion and have been sadly neglected in Gospel ministry. Pastor Constantine Marvakoff, whose picture is given herewith, is our new worker. We give below a recent letter so our readers may be acquainted with this brother and the work he is seeking to do.

CONSTANTINE MARVAKOFF

DEAR BROTHER HOGG:

Your letter dated April 28th, 1931, received. I am very glad to hear that you would like to get acquainted with me. I am ready to answer the questions and to get acquainted with you. Now I am not sure if it is right for me to answer in German, but I am doing this because I have no English schooling, so will you please excuse me for answering in German. Brother Furnajieff has written to me some time ago about the work among the Pomaks, but so far it was an impossibility, as I have had a congregation and they expected me to minister unto them as Pastor.

But now there will be a change. The leaders of the evangelical churches will release me from the ministry of that congregation for the work among the Pomaks and, the Lord willing, I shall start with the work July 1st.

I am not able to say anything about the work, but I believe the correct answer is found in the Book of Ezekiel 37:1-7 and my answer is: "Lord, Lord, thou knowest." What I can say of myself is as follows: I was born Jan. 8th, 1892, of Protestant parents and raised in the evangelical faith, as the son of a farmer under Turkish government. I finished primary school, then I took some private schooling.

For two years I was doorkeeper for the American Mission in Bulgaria. In the year 1924 I was accepted as a student in the Bible School in St. Andrea, and June 21st, 1927, I graduated from the School. Then I came to Bulgaria and from July 1st, 1927, with God's help, I have ministered to the congregation in Jakorooda.

About the theological questions I will say the following:—Faith could not be expressed in writing, but faith can be heard and seen in our speech and life. God is one, and no other God beside Him. He is the Creator of all things, and with us, brought nigh through His Son, who was born of the Virgin Mary, lived among us, died for our sins, raised for our justification. His blood was shed for us, and through Him we have eternal life, and fellowship with God the Father. The Holy Spirit, who is doing God's work in us according to promise, His Name and His doing I find on the first page of the Bible.

He took the leadership of the finished work of Christ ten days after the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. From that time on until today, He is the leader, and reigning in the Church of Christ. Through Him, I perceive that the Old and the

New Testament is the Word of God. I acknowledge and believe it. It is through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit souls are brought to Christ, separating and preparing us for eternal life. I believe in and am looking for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. All men shall see Him. He that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself from all unrighteousness and sin. And all this of God's free grace, which is our portion through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

With hearty greetings,
CONSTANTINE MARVAKOFF.

A CHANCE TO INVEST FOR ETERNITY IN POLAND

Practically 200 Jewish children are asking to go to Radost this summer. More than a dozen busy mothers have requested or expressed a readiness to go.

Our Lord's Commands are:

"Suffer the little children . . . to come unto Me."
"Feed my lambs."

What Will It Mean?

(1) The direct evangelization of these precious souls and indirectly probably a thousand more, for Bible verses and songs are repeated in the homes to families, friends, and neighbors, etc.

(2) An average of two hours a day are devoted to Bible study and singing of Gospel songs, etc.

(3) Fourteen days in the dry, bracing air at Radost, on the beautiful grounds of the Fellowship property, adjacent to a great pine forest and near large stretches of sand (ideal for sun baths).

Most of the children and mothers are from homes of extreme poverty in the ghetto, where the congestion existing almost beggars description. Praise God, the common people still hear Him gladly.

What Is Needed?

Your Prayers and Gifts

(Five dollars is the average cost for each person.)
Warsaw, May, 1931.

FRESH AIR WORK AMONG JEWISH CHILDREN

Radost, Poland, June 12, 1931.

DEAR MR. HOGG:

I am back home, as it were, and am surely happy to be here among God's own children once more. To have the privilege to converse in the "language of Canaan" and to fellowship with kindred minds, is certainly a joy. For about two months I had no fellowship or touch with other Christians except by letters; but the Lord was with me and graciously met all my needs for spirit, soul, and body. To Him be all the praise!

I have been back nearly two weeks now, in which time I have made several attempts to answer your letters, but hindrances have kept me from succeeding in doing so. Full strength is not my portion as yet, but I am feeling fairly well and am astonished with the endurance the Lord is giving me. The temperature seems to be fairly normal, except after overexerting. Since the Lord is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever (Psa. 73:26) and the strength of my whole life (Psa. 27:1), I shall not fear, but shall trust Him to live His life in me as long as He pleases for His glory here.

A short time before leaving Lakopane, I received the good news from Miss Mott that so many Jewish women and children had applied and expected to be taken here to Radost this summer, that it would be necessary for us to look to the Lord and trust Him for at least one thousand dollars in order not to disappoint any of them. I, too, entered the plea for this in heaven with the Lord and soon had the assurance of Jehovah-Jireh, the LORD will provide. The promise of His own wonderful Name was surely the suggestion of the blessed Holy Spirit in my heart at the time of, and in answer to, earnest, believing prayer.

After getting back, I find that people are still flocking to us to make application. There were more than fifty-two children, outside of mothers, at our children's meeting at "Ogrodowa 53" last Saturday. It is really wonderful that the Lord is breaking down the barriers, giving these Jewish hearts the confidence to come to us. It would be enough to break one's heart if the enemy were permitted to hinder the extent of such a testimony

to Israel of His love and grace through Christ Jesus our Lord.

The cleaning and some preparations for the first group (which we expect the 17th or 18th of June) are already in full working order. We are praying and trusting God for every detail, and believe He has put it on the hearts and sent us the two dear sisters who are serving Him by helping us. Seven large rooms, a pantry, and big veranda are not easily house-cleaned after having been shut up for some time, and without the various modern appliances for such work with which we are acquainted in America. A young man, a former communist who has recently been found of the Lord through our workers here, is also freshening up some of our walls by a coat of whitewash, or yellow wash and green wash it may be called. We are all happy in Him.

Sincerely yours,
JEAN RHODE.

BICYCLING FOR JESUS

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." Eccl. 11:6.

The above command of the Lord, and also the prayer, "Thy kingdom come", and the injunction, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38), are prompting us, by His grace, to try to go out early and late. Thus, after an all-day meeting on Sunday, getting to bed about midnight, we arose at half-past four to get our tracts packed up, and then took a train to carry us part way on our prospective journey.

On the train we finished arranging the tracts for distribution, so that we were ready for action upon leaving the train. After giving some to the passengers, the conductor of a train on a branch road came up to us and expressed great joy at getting some tracts again. He also bought two booklets on salvation. We hope the Lord may grant us more time with him later, to help him into a knowledge of salvation, though we are able to reach each place only about once a year.

Two short calls in that town, giving out tracts, and our journey on the bicycles began. It is a little risky to give out tracts from the wheel to passing

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES LUKESH

vehicles, but even this opportunity was not missed. In the next village through which we passed, a funeral procession was in formation. Another soul gone beyond help! In the next, small school children leaving school took the offered tracts into the houses, so we did not have to go from house to house as usual.

We passed a settlement, then a large village, where considerable time was consumed in giving out tracts. We listened to a squabble between a school teacher and one of the local saloon keepers, about giving a "children's theatre performance" in a competitor's place. The Word of God is inconvenient for such.

We then covered the next village with tracts and turned to follow a creek, along which are several small flour and lumber mills, to which we have been mailing tracts regularly. At the first one, we were gladly recognized and given something for the postage, but for a closer fellowship no time—perhaps the time is not yet ripe. We also left some salvation tracts and leaflets.

Farther on, our reception was more cool, but we came across some bricklayers who seemed willing to listen. The next town was covered for probably the last time, as it is to be inundated by the backwaters of a dam. It should make them think of the flood, but they are interested only in the changes of houses and fields that will take place.

In the next village, after a steep climb up the mountain (which was rather perilous), we made several calls. The remark of one woman is characteristic of the state of mind of the people. She was discussing the rich and their preferment in the Roman Catholic church because of their

ability to pay for prayers, and she maintained that in heaven the rich would also have a better chance, adding, "Nobody can change my conviction about this." However, I quoted the Lord's teaching concerning the rich man and Lazarus, and even read the tract, "The Old Priests of Mungret." The results we will have to leave with the Lord.

It was 8:20 P. M. and time to move on, for we still had about four miles to traverse in order to reach the farthest point proposed on this trip. The country people go to bed early, and we were anxious to see a party there to arrange, if possible, for a meeting later. Sure enough, we found all were in bed except the mother. We had a few words, however, and a promise to hear from them later, as the Roman Catholic priest had announced a "Mission" there. With these "Missions", they try to counteract our spreading the Gospel by arousing the prejudice of the people, threatening not to absolve their sins or to bury anybody who has anything to do with the Word of Life.

After some other activities, we turned homeward, preferring to ride in the dead of night rather than to wait over night and to come home tired next day. By doing this, we face some dangers, but on getting home, after a few hours of sleep, we are ready for further work. No wonder that in the dark we ran into a wrong turn of the road and, after half an hour's ride, had to return. Small incidents, like wading over a creek where the bridge is washed off, are not unusual; but to ford a river at an unknown point, in the pitch dark of midnight, was too much for Mrs. Lukesh, though otherwise very brave, so we had to make it for the nearest bridge. Then all went well, except that one of our lights gave out, and for the last hour and a half a fine rain was drizzling down, just enough to make us hurry to escape a possible thorough drenching. The heavily overcast sky made the darkness so much deeper, and we missed the sunrise, though the larks were singing lustily before we struck our home town at 3:15 A. M. My front tire had held air just long enough to get home on, so that I did not have to walk or stop to repair it, which is not so simple here with our double tires.

We thank the Lord that we were able to sleep well, after almost 24 hours run, and, feeling refreshed, we were able to attend to our daily duties. The daily services, the mail bringing inquiries and requests for tracts, some souls asking for advice and consolation, the next tract to be written in two languages, visits to be made—how can we find time to write to the folks at home? We can only trust that you will appreciate our devotion to the work here, and pardon us when we fail to write.

May I add a word of request? As you know our needs more definitely, will you not uphold us continually before the Throne of Grace? And if your time allows it, would you mind writing us a little line of encouragement? It is your work as much as ours, since you are standing behind it. The Lord bless and keep you!

Yours in Him,
CHARLES AND EDNA LUKESH.

DR. EWKE'S PRESENT MINISTRY

Czechoslovakia, April 29, 1931.

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:

I thank you heartily for your kind letter and for the remittance.

As to my spiritual work, I can say that I am doing everything in my power. I am in touch with many Russian students, engineers, and doctors, and am distributing spiritual literature among them. In addition to this, we conduct a Bible Class quite frequently, where we are studying the Gospel of St. John. I am thus endeavoring to sow God's seed, and He is able to bring forth the fruit.

A short time ago, I was invited to lecture on Anatomy before the students of the Baptist Bible School. Of course I used it to make a spiritual application.

I am working as a doctor in the Interne Clinic in order to receive experience which I will need for my future labors. Please pray for me.

Brother Prof. Martcinkovsky is now in Roumania. He writes me that many, many people are coming to hear the Word of God. At one lecture there were about a thousand in the audience, most of them being Jews.

Yours in Him,
JAMES EWKE.

The Union of Atheists has planned to have all the old churches in Russia closed by 1935.

REVIVAL INTEREST AMONG BULGARIANS

By Paulina Dimkova—*(Continued from last issue)*

In the evening, before the church bell rang, the men of the village had come and occupied almost all the places in the church, for they feared that if their women came again they would find no room for themselves. Vivid to me is the picture of these people struggling to get in. Many were left outside, but listened under the window and near the door. Everything—pulpit, gallery, and church hall—was full. After the music, Mr. Gentle-Cackett spoke: "Who Is This Who Forgiveth Sins?" How beautifully and powerfully the saving knowledge was given to those people, most of whom were outside of Christ and His salvation! After the meeting was over, the people let Mr. Gentle-Cackett go to the door and every man, woman, young person, and child was kissing his right hand, thanking him most heartily, with tears, for the living sermons and for the newly shown way of salvation. Certainly these meetings were a spiritual feast for those hungry, poverty-stricken people.

Garvanovo is a very small village about 18 klm. from Moskovo, the birthplace of our splendid worker, Mr. Pavel Mishkoff. The houses are small, primitive and low. The people are poor, mostly Greek Orthodox. Our evangelical work is comparatively new here, and the brothers and sisters are not yet organized into a church; but they have a little hall where they hold their meetings which can accommodate eighty people. Fifteen minutes after our arrival, even though they had known nothing about our coming, the little hall was just packed, and we counted, as we could see from the pulpit, 130 people. There was lack of air, and one could hardly speak or sing in such a low hall, full of people. But this did not make any difference. The peasant people quickly learned the choruses, and with child-like faith and love listened very carefully to the messages of Mr. Gentle-Cackett. One could read on their faces enthusiasm, love, interest in the Bible and its teaching—people who had not lost their first love for God and His church.

One thing that impressed me very much was that here, in this poor village, a young lady, a Bible worker, is doing most splendid work for the Master. Every night her room is full of people, she reading to them the Gospel, preaching, and teaching them to sing the church hymns. She is very much persecuted by the priest. During the winter, the frail little woman was arrested, and on foot was taken to the city police court. But the brethren and sisters of the village followed their Bible worker, walking a few steps behind her. When they came to the city, our minister's wife there soon secured her deliverance. This woman day and night is preaching Christ. Let us pray for her splendid work.

We went out from this village encouraged, and praising the Lord for His mighty work there. Our visit there exerted a good influence over believer and unbeliever.

Panagurishte—how sacred and thrilling is the name of this little town to us Bulgarians! Here one of the first and strongest sparks of liberation blazed over the dark five centuries' yoke on Bulgaria. Here for the first time the Bulgarian flag was hoisted, beautifully prepared by the capable and lovely hands of our national teacher, Paina. This city many times was fired and burned, the people being cruelly persecuted by the bloody hand of the Turk. Panagurishte in our history has played a rôle similar to Philadelphia in the Revolutionary War of America.

The city now is dilapidated. Its chief industry is the making of beautiful Persian rugs, but this has fallen low because of the financial crisis. The people are very vigilant, and hungry for enlightenment. It was appointed for us to hold only one meeting, but the people insisted on having one the day we reached there. In a very short time, all was made possible for the meeting to be announced. The church bell rang, and the hall was soon overcrowded with outsiders. They took a warm interest and part in the singing, learning the choruses, and with great attention they listened to Mr. Gentle-Cackett, who talked to them on the theme: "What To Do With Christ." They went out, thanking him heartily for the message.

Next day the bills were passed, but we did not need them, because of the living bills who spread the news of the coming of this great English friend and his sermons. That night the crowd was larger, and with great difficulty we took our place in the pulpit and the service began. The people were

very quiet and listened with great reverence to every spoken word of the sermon—"Believest thou that I am able?"—which was powerfully expressed and delivered. Many were touched. Tears were shed and many souls spiritually refreshed. The whole audience greeted our beloved friend, thanking him for the messages and asking him to come again.

The members of the Protestant church are very poor and are persecuted by the priest, but they stand firmly for Christ and His work. We left the city encouraged, but seeing clearly that we must have more time to spend everywhere we go, if we want to see larger results. We could not do it, however, for there were so many places awaiting us.

New Bulgaria—On March 12th we started for the so-called New Bulgaria, or Razloga. It is a part of Macedonia which was given to Bulgaria after the Great War. The road passed through the most picturesque mountain, Radopy. On both sides rose up the aged evergreen pine forests, and away down below the river was merrily flowing. How majestic is the scenery of the mountain! We went up and up and nature was unfolding its beauty, making our hearts to sing praises because of the handiwork of our great, mighty, and holy Creator, until we reached the highest point, Clean-Tepe. From there we passed down toward the beautiful Razloga plain, where the beautiful Perin mountain greeted us and astonished us with its everlasting snow peaks and wonderful beauty.

Here in this part we visited three villages, one of which is set on one of the high hills of Radopy. The road to this village was very narrow. On one side was the hill; on the opposite, the river Mesta. So we went very carefully, for it was very dangerous. One or two places I was very much afraid, but Mr. Gentle-Cackett would turn to say — "O, Miss Dimkova, did you not read this morning the 23rd Psalm?" and my soul at once became calm, for the Lord is our Shepherd. At last we came to a place where our auto could not pass. On both sides of the river bubbled up two hot springs, where the women of the village had come to do their family washing in the big wash tub made of stone. We left the auto there and took the last 4 klm. on foot. These poor people, cut off from the culture and civilization of the world, came to the meeting, the mothers carrying their babies on their backs and the men leaving their work in the shop or field. They were most grateful to see us, and gladly received the spiritual food. The same day we visited another village, where a mass of people came to hear the Gospel. Their joy and appreciation was indeed great. The Spirit of God was working in their hearts.

We visited also two towns—Bonsko and Mehomia. Bonsko is a very dear place to us, for the Protestant church there is one of the oldest—a mother church—which has given to the Bulgarian evangelical movement its first rate and prominent leaders, such as the late Rev. Ivan Stakoff, and the present leaders, Rev. D. W. Furnajieff and M. N. Popoff, who have exerted strong evangelical influence in Bulgaria. The town is small. The old Turkish architecture is preserved, and so the city is very interesting. The people are very poor. Scarcely could one find anyone who had money. Everything which they use and live on they prepare themselves; and what they can not, they buy by exchanging materials. For example, for an egg they receive from the grocery man four lumps of sugar; for two eggs, a box of matches, and so on. The meetings in both towns were most successful and blessed by the Lord.

Everywhere we went, the people were ready to listen to the Gospel and were spiritually refreshed and strengthened by the strong evangelistic messages. From almost every place visited, people have written interesting reports of our visit, some of which were printed in our evangelical paper. The people are grateful. The high spiritual character of the meetings has been a blessing to all, and heaven alone will reveal the results which will flow from this campaign to our churches.

Almost everywhere the people appealed to us for help in order to build churches. The old, low halls are falling down and the municipalities in some places are going to destroy them if they do not erect new ones this year. There is no greater chance to those of God's children who want to do something for the Master than this golden opportunity to send their mite towards building up churches, which are the only lighthouses in these poverty-stricken regions.

May God bless this work done in His Name and for His glory! Alleluia to His Holy Name!

A Joy Ride to Bessarabia

By Richard W. Hill

Some time ago we received an urgent call to come to Bessarabia on account of a very serious controversy in a large Assembly of the believers, which became so acute that some of the members refused to attend the meetings till order had been restored. So last week, accompanied by Mrs. Hill and three of our fellow workers, I started on this journey of about 90 miles. Our Brother Hamaliuc had obtained an old Ford machine, a typical "Tin Lizzie", and assured us we could make the journey all right. But alas, had we had any idea what was ahead of us, we would not have ventured to risk our necks in that machine.

Mrs. R. W. Hill and Son Richard in Roumanian Costume

We had made all preparations and left at six o'clock in the morning. The day was ideal, but the roads rather bad on account of heavy rains. All went well for a short time, when bang! went a tire. Of course that happens to all joy riders. Repairs were made, and again we started, but only a short respite, when another explosion! Out again, and another time of pumping and mending. We start, but are beginning to have some misgivings which prove to be not unfounded, for in another twenty minutes the third blowout takes place.

At last we reach Cernauti. Here we rest about an hour, some adjustments are made, and we leave, I must confess with serious doubts by this time as to whether we would be able to reach our destination the same day. Sure enough, we had traveled but a few miles when another explosion took place, and this happened every thirty minutes. We decided to stop and eat lunch. So we all got out, spread our rugs out by the wayside, and strengthened our bodies, hoping that we would also obtain sufficient courage to proceed with our "Lizzie."

Again we start, and all goes nicely for a few miles. We are just in the middle of a typical Russian village, when another bang tells us we have to stop. The boys get busy, and Mrs. Hill seeks the shade of a small house and commences to talk to some small, very dirty children. Naturally, at each stop we are surrounded by curious natives, wondering what kind of beings we are and asking innumerable questions.

We start again, but our courage seems to be oozing out! A short respite, when we are again startled by a terrific explosion, and stop to find that not one, but two punctures are to be fixed. The driver and Brother Hamaliuc are at their wit's end, and the rest of us feel like so many limp rags. But in the midst of our despair we find out that an autobus is due to pass this village shortly. We decide that Mrs. Hill, one of our fellow workers, and I should take the autobus to the next small town, 25 miles distant, and Hamaliuc and the driver are to try to fix the machine. Soon the autobus arrives and we bid our fellow travelers a sad farewell, not knowing what will happen to them and "Lizzie."

We reach the town completely done up, for the roads have been getting worse all the time. We find a small hotel, which is, for a great wonder, scrupulously clean, and go to bed, utterly exhausted. Next morning we start to complete our trip to our destination, without having seen our fellow-

travelers who stayed with the auto. The 20-mile journey from the town to the village is completed in a carriage, over a very rough road, and we at last reach our destination.

We decide to wait before calling the believers together, hoping our Brother Hamaliuc would follow us by the afternoon. Sure enough, he arrives, and that evening we meet with one party in the meeting. A discussion takes place, and the cause of the split is discussed. Next morning, at *five o'clock*, a meeting is held. How would you, dear friends, like to get up to go to church at that hour? But here in Bessarabia, at this time of the year, there is so much work in the fields, that they sometimes work till nine or ten o'clock at night, so it is too late to hold a meeting. They, therefore, come together in the morning. After this meeting we have a most stormy session, lasting two hours, with the other party in the Assembly. How the Devil is working! We pray, silently, that our dear Lord will soften their hearts. We have to be terribly determined and strict to keep them in order, for they all want to talk at once and will not stick to the subject under discussion. Some get offended and leave, because they are not allowed to monopolize the whole time. But at last they are getting softer, and in the end agree to meet the others and reunite, forgetting and forgiving past differences. The whole matter is caused by a few members who want to control the meeting.

We meet again at noon. Again the enemy is busy and we seem to stand in front of an impregnable wall. We give them an ultimatum, and are compelled to leave the session without having accomplished anything. We leave, and the party who would not give in follows us. We pray the Lord not to let our journey be in vain. He answers! We have about a mile to walk to our host. Half way, a spokesman of the stubborn party catches up with us to inform us that they are ready to be reconciled. Hallelujah! We thank our dear Lord and proceed on our way rejoicing. Soon we reach our destination. Believers from both parties gather together and a praise and prayer meeting is held. We leave by wagon shortly, leaving our brothers Schipor and Mocanu with them to complete the union, for we have been away from home four days. The journey back home is made without any mishap, and we get there very tired but happy.

APPEAL FOR A RUTHENIAN WORKER

Mr. Hill, our missionary in Roumania, sends us the following letter regarding a worker among the Ruthenians. Possibly the Lord may open up the way for this brother to be thrust forth into the vineyard. Will you pray with us to this end?

DUMITRU ANDRUSIAC AND FAMILY

Siret, Roumania, May 15, 1931.

DEAR BROTHER HOGG:

I would like to make an appeal for a brother, *Dumitru Andrusiac*, a Ruthenian. I enclose his photo, with family. He is a very active worker, thoroughly consecrated, speaks Ruthenian and Roumanian and understands German very well. He is a splendid evangelist. He would like to devote his whole time to the Lord's work, and would be a most welcome addition to our force here. We need more workers among the Ruthenians. There are a great many Ruthenian communities from here to the Polish frontier, and a large majority

of them have never heard the true Gospel. We have so many appeals from these villages to send evangelists, that it hurts not to be able to satisfy this hunger for the Word. But what can we do? We have only one Ruthenian worker, Brother Hamaliuc, and he has more than he can do in the immediate surroundings. I hope some of the readers of the "Harvest Field" will be led to undertake the support of this worker. $20 a month would be sufficient for him, and I am quite sure they would never regret their choice. He is well worthy of support, and would prove a faithful and dependable worker.

With heartiest greetings,

Yours in His service,
R. W. HILL.

Letters to "Vernost" From Russians in Poland

Many of our readers are acquainted with the Russian magazine edited by our missionary, Alexander Dobrinin. Its name is "Vernost", meaning Faithfulness. The paper goes to Russian refugees scattered abroad in some thirty different countries. It has proved a real source of spiritual blessing to many who have received in their own language the message of life. We thought our readers would enjoy reading the following commendatory letters received.

Salvation Through the Word

Brother Dikan writes us from Poland: "I was a Greek Orthodox Christian, but my life was full of worldliness and immorality. I had heard about the evangelical believers, but the report given me was not a good one. They were called 'Antichristians' by the people. Finally I met some of them. After conversation, they gave me several copies of 'Vernost' and some other evangelical literature, as well as a Bible. From that time I became a diligent reader of the Bible. I saw the truth and understood that I was invited to repent and turn to Christ. At last, in September, 1930, I decided to follow my Lord, and I was baptized. Praise be to the Saviour!"

Great Revival in Poland

Brother Antoni Nikitcsuk writes to the "Vernost": "The Lord is doing a great work among us, and people are being converted. For instance, in the district of the great village of Zarugy, only last winter there were converted about 100 souls. There are also similar revivals in the adjacent territory. Please supply us with your magazine and with evangelical books."

Deliverance from Heresy

Brother I. Syrowoj writes to the "Vernost from Poland: "I have been acquainted with your magazine for a long time. For two and a half years, however, I had been ensnared by harmful teaching. I suffered much and my soul became sick. During this period, I read your 'Vernost', though I must admit that sometimes I felt hatred toward its spiritual teaching. However, the deep and spiritual articles of your magazine enlightened me, as I read it with open Bible and meditated on God's truth. I became humble, and the Holy Spirit was able to do His work. I was convinced of the error, and turned from it. May God bless you and your work at this time when we have so many untrue delusions and so much spiritual declension. Please send me your magazine regularly."

Self-Sacrificing Workers Needed

Brother Moroz writes us from Poland: "For eight years I have been laboring for the Lord here among my people. My work is especially in the dark, far-away places, and we greatly need more workers here. However, they must be patient and self-denying. Here we have no trains, no automobiles, and there is even a lack of simple village carts. It is necessary sometimes to pass over five or ten miles of marshes and sandy places. We are so far from civilization that the people often use specially prepared splints of wood to give light instead of lamps. Amid all of this inconvenience and darkness ,however, there is a very great spiritual thirst. We are waiting for more workers."

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

(Translated from the Russian)

There is a Jewish magazine of the "godless" named "Apikorsim", and this magazine gives the information that 16 rabbis have denied their faith. Some of them have done this silently, and others came out openly, giving their reasons for doing so and confirming Lenin's statement that religion is opium for the people.

The Russian press states that 850 ministers of different denominations have recently denied their faith, among them being 3 bishops, 49 evangelical preachers, 39 Mohammedan priests, and 340 Greek Orthodox priests. The services are now being conducted mostly in private houses, not in the churches or synagogues or mosques. The "godless" are complaining that in Russia there is a widely developing movement of the "sectarians", which we must understand as meaning mainly evangelical believers. There is much talk in Russia about the Coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The bolshevik government has established some positions for regular antichristian missionaries, with salary, etc.

Believers in Moscow write that the Union of Baptists has again been re-established, with organized departments, and every district association can now have three to five missionaries, but conditions for work are very hard, as in Nehemiah 4th Chapter. At the same time, many preachers are arrested and in prison.

Last year there were 35 antireligious universities for laborers, and this year there are 80. The antireligious clubs have enrolled 20,000 people. There are 40 antireligious museums.

In 13 years there have been printed 1,200 different antireligious books, and the whole distribution of these books has been 13,000,000. The circulation of the newspaper "Godless" is 400,000; the magazine "Godless", 170,000; the magazine "Antireligion", 35,000; and the magazine "Village Godless", 20,000.

We learn of some liberty in recent months along the line of religious printing. For instance, there have been issued two numbers of the magazine, "Journal of a Moscow Patriarch."

The Ivanov industrial district in the center of Russia has now opened 2,500 churches of the old Greek Orthodox type. There are 4,774 priests and 1,260 nuns. Evangelical and other nearby groups number 600, having 72 regular preachers and 20,000 active members. The bolsheviks are greatly troubled over this fact, that there can exist such a movement in spite of the civil persecution of believers.

Two years ago, the Church Boards were made up mainly of rich peasants and citizens (kulaki), but now they are mainly composed of poor peasants and poor laborers, 90 per cent of them being women. There are 32 women who are leaders of congregations. This latter situation has been created because many of the men have been imprisoned, banished, etc.

The magazine "Godless" recently published a sensational article: "The magazine recommends to the Russian government that they abolish some of the restrictions that have been put upon priests and give them the privilege of occupying some positions of a technical nature in public establishments." The motive in this is, of course, to sever the priests from their former religious activity, which they were forced to continue as long as they were socially and economically isolated from society. Of course they would not permit them to have any relation to the schools.

"It seems as though the Roman Catholics are more true to the teachings of their church than the Greek Orthodox, and more definitely against communism."

Events in Russia From a Christian Worker's Viewpoint

Written for the "European Harvest Field"

(TRANSLATED FROM THE RUSSIAN)

Although the five-year plan appears to be a great success, the bolsheviks are more and more discovering failures in it. They have succeeded somewhat from a technical standpoint, with the aid of foreign specialists, but *economically* they are on the verge of catastrophe. The same holds true in the religious sphere. The five-year plan included the total destruction of all the foundations of religion. Here, also, they have some artificial results. Godless organizations and agencies are doing intensive work for the purpose of receiving the state money. People are bribed to betray their friends. Religious organizations have suffered greatly and true Christians have been tormented with cruel violence, but the masses are seeking for spiritual light just as they were before. The bolsheviks understand very well that they have not been able to root out religion, by any means, but have only held it down and forced it into the "catacombs."

The plan now is to do away with religion by putting it under bolshevik "laws". They tried this once before, and then later decided that they could crush it with a short attack and put it to an end. Failing in this, they are changing their tactics and trying to adapt themselves to the present situation by making religion legal. We see them re-establish some religious institutions, beginning with the Greek Orthodox church and including the organizations of several evangelical denominations. They permit some liberties of conscience now, but their aim remains the same—to destroy religion. They are merely approaching from the rear to make the attack. They are extreme enemies of religion and have not changed their nature. The Soviet government is now giving some rights to believers and ordaining some of their people to be leaders, entangling them with political obligations. The believers are in the way of great temptations. Of course, the believers need to accept and to make use of a certain amount of liberty; but, on the other hand, to have legal rights now means that they must be guided by a godless power through its agents.

These demoniacal circumstances can only be changed by the interference of a wonder-working God, and the very best help that foreign believers can give to their brethren in Russia at the present time is to bring them before the Throne in prayer—not a mere ordinary form of prayer, but Spirit-wrought intercession that flows from earnest, loving, Christian hearts. The spiritual life of the masses in Russia is now passing through a deep, narrow channel, and they need the real, strong, spiritual assistance that can be given only in this way. There is some hope that even Russia may yet have some part in the evangelization of the world.

LETTER FROM SIBERIA

(*Extracts*)

"The arrests are endless. We live near to the railway station, and we see whole train loads of captive people. The doors of the cars are locked, and we can hear the sound of crying. You can not imagine the awfulness of it all. On every one of these cars there is an inscription—"Voluntary Settlers." Long bridges are being built in Siberia and the banished people are occupied with this work, with many red guards surrounding them. In spite of the guards, one brother miraculously made his escape. . . . Education in the Soviet schools is arranged so that the boys and girls are together, which often creates a situation that is harmful to the character of the children. . . . All of the existing churches are crowded with praying people. Brother P—— has written to us from his place of banishment, urging us to keep our trust in the Lord and remain faithful to the end."

In the town of S———, several brethren were arrested and put into prison. A group of the believers organized a special choir and gathered outside the prison walls to encourage their captive brethren with evangelical songs. When they began to sing, they were of course threatened by the authorities and promised a like fate if they continued. "That is not bad," the believers replied. 'We could then sing *inside* the prison instead of on the outside, which would be far better."

AS IN THE DAYS OF ELIJAH

(TRANSLATED FROM RUSSIAN LETTERS)

Brother S. Gugarko wrote from Australia to the "Vernost" as follows: "This year we have had a very great drought in Australia. We have had no rain for six months, and the farmers are in distress. We have no cotton, and we must wait fourteen months until the next harvest. There are many unemployed people who are taken care of by the authorities, but there are so many cases of suicide. It is almost impossible to find work. Mothers are compelled to leave their little children and go a hundred miles away to find work. We do not see any sign of improvement in the near future. In the larger towns, hungry laborers arrange demonstrations and attack the police, and the authorities scarcely know what to do to relieve the situation. Industry is stopped because there are not sufficient raw materials. Everything is very expensive. Our country is in a pitiful condition. Everything everywhere is black and empty, burned by the sun. Animals are perishing for lack of food. We have no water. When we go on the railways, we see hundreds of dead animals. Just now we are nourishing our cattle with bottle-tree. The Lord is trying to draw the people to repentance, but Satan closes the spiritual eyes of many. However, we believers are thanking God for all that is happening."

A month later we were cheered by receiving the following letter from this same brother: "For over six months we had no rain in our cotton district, but in the early days of January we had a united prayer meeting in the small town of Bilaela. Announcements of this meeting had been sent out about a week before. The purpose of the meeting was to pray for rain. Everybody was invited. On the appointed day the place of meeting, the City Hall, was crowded. All denominations were present — Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Anglicans, Roman Catholics, and Greek Orthodox. We opened the meeting with the singing of a hymn. It was interesting to note that we sang in different languages, but with one soul. After the singing, the pastors of the different churches addressed the believers. Each speaker was given five minutes. The sermons were inspired, and the people were persuaded to put their trust in God alone. The people prayed from the very depths of their hearts, often in simple fashion such as the following: 'Oh God, I believe Thou wilt hear us and send us rain!'

"After the meeting had been dismissed, we saw joy on the faces of the people. Some of them did not even want to go home. Even the Catholics and Greek Orthodox people expressed their desire to have similar meetings in the future.

"It was not long before this united prayer was answered. On the 27th of January, at four o'clock in the afternoon, we heard the rolling of thunder, though we had not as yet seen any clouds. The people stood and eagerly listened to the thunder, for to them it was the promise of answered prayer. After a little while, some clouds appeared, just as though some one was gathering them together into one place. At last the rain drops began to fall and then it turned into a shower. It rained continuously during all of that night and the following day. It ceased for two days, and then began again and continued for two weeks. During that period we had five inches of rainfall. The people were encouraged and began diligently to work at planting vegetables, etc. Everything is growing very well and the people are rejoicing, as are also the animals. For all these mercies and gifts the people are thanking the Lord."

"Of course the evangelical believers have some loss in their ranks because of some of their number going over to bolshevism, but, because of their lack of spiritual stamina, their loss is not very destructive to the movement as a whole."

"Russian bolshevik atheism is spreading all over the world. In Berlin a Conference of the godless recently took place, in order to prepare united attacks against the Christian church. This new organization called itself the "International Society of Free Thinkers," and they have already edited the first issue of their own magazine, *Proletarische Freidenkerschtimme*. They have formed special groups for the spreading of propaganda, and it is worthy of notice that these agitators are now being trained in Soviet Russia."

SUFFERING WITH CHRIST

(Continued from page 3)

His mission, the dying Christ was something more perfect than the infant Christ who was taken up in Simeon's arms. Perfection was perfected; the fine gold was refined; the spotless sun shone more brightly; the loving heart was made more tender. It is needless, too, to say that never was He nearer the Father's bosom, and never did He more please the Father than when He endured in meek and uncomplaining resignation the awful sufferings that burst upon Him like all the waves and billows of a stormy sea. "The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?" (John 18: 11).

His suffering, therefore, was no proof that the Father had forgotten Him, or that He had ceased to love Him; but it was the highest possible expression of the Father's unchanging affection and of His entire confidence in the Son of His love. He would not have suffered at all if the cross had not been the indispensable stepping stone to the crown; nor should we suffer at all, unless it was best for us in the Father's view. "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8: 32.) If nine hundred and ninety-nine groans, pains, or tears will serve His kind purpose, He will not permit the meanest of His people to encounter a thousand. Nor must we forget that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us (as it did for Him) a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2. Cor. 4: 17).

—"*Our Hope*".

ANSWERED PRAYER IN OZENIN

Ozenin, Poland, June 10, 1931.

DEAR BROTHER HOGG:

Greeting in the name of Jesus Christ to you, your family, and everybody in our Mission. May God's rich blessing rest upon all of you and the work of the good brethren and sisters in the American European Fellowship! It is a great privilege for me to work with you and pray with you for the work of the Lord in your country and throughout the world. I am trying to do my best in the work of our Lord and Master. It encourages me greatly to know that you and other good friends in America are thinking about me, a poor Russian missionary, sending me good letters with so many prayers and good wishes, even asking me to remain steadfast, unmoveable, abounding in His work, because my work will not be in vain. I am very, very thankful to you, my dear brother, for such deep feeling toward me.

I am very thankful to you, too, for the money sent me. In this, too, I see your love and I am grateful to God, for this is His work. The repairs on my little home will soon be finished, and then I can invite guests to a tiny home of my own.

I want to tell you about the work here in this place. We had a great meeting May 21 and 22, with much prayer and fasting, and God wonderfully answered our prayers. Many souls gave themselves to the Lord. Three of the best families in Ozenin became believers. There are 23 homes of believers in Ozenin, with families of two to eight souls. There are not many families left out—many people say that soon all the village will be g ing to "stundisty."

Then we had two very fine meetings on the 1st and 2nd of June. It was Pentecostal Day by the Russian calendar. Very many people came to our meetings on the first day, and on the second day we proceeded to the River of Horyn and baptized eleven souls. It was in the morning at 7 o'clock, and the weather was beautiful. God blessed us wonderfully, giving us the interest of the people, and we believe that He will give us more souls.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE NAZARUK.

Statements of Receipts for May, 1931

Receipt No.	Amount	Receipt No.	Amount	Receipt No.	Amount	Receipt No.	Amount
9239	$1.00	9340	1.00	9441	10.00	9442	1.00
9240	1.00	9341	5.00	9402	1.00	9403	1.00
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9244	120.00	9345	1.00	9406	20.00	9467	1.00
9245	10.00	9346	5.00	9407	5.00	9468	1.00
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9247	.75	9348	10.00	9409	4.90	9470	5.00
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9337	20.00	9398	5.00	9459	6.00	9520	7.50
9338	10.00	9399	10.00	9460	1.00	9521	5.00
9339	5.00	9400	2.00	9461	5.00	9522	1.00

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